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REMARKS

1. Claims 5-7 and 9-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA) as disclosed in the "Background of the Invention".

Independent claim 5 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*,

"... generating a change document in response to a perceived problem associated with a particular type of equipment, for correcting the perceived problem, said change document comprising a description of the problem, an identification of the system impacted, a solution to the perceived problem, an estimated cost of the solution, drawings which must be changed, and proposed vendors for the various parts associated with the solution"

Independent claim 14 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*,

"... generating a change document, for correcting a perceived problem associated with a particular type of equipment, said change document comprising a description of the problem, an identification of the system impacted, a solution to the perceived problem, an estimated cost of the solution, drawings which must be changed, and proposed vendors for the various parts associated with the solution"

Independent claims 1 and 14 are patentable over "applicants' admitted prior art" (AAPA) because AAPA does not disclose, teach or suggest a "change document comprising a description of the problem, an identification of the system impacted, a solution to the perceived problem, an estimated cost of the solution, drawings which must be changed, and proposed vendors for the various parts associated with the solution," as required by claims 5 and 14.

In the October 19, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner states that "either the updated technical manuals or the documentation provided for the handling of the technical manuals may be interpreted as generated change documents, thereby addressing the scope of the claimed "change document." (See Office Action, dated 10/19/06, pg. 3, lines 1-4.) But there is no disclosure in the Background of the Invention section that the "updated technical manuals" or documentation provided for their handling would include all of the information contained in the claimed "change document" of independent claims

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5 and 14. For example, AAPA does not disclose that the "updated technical manuals" or documentation provided for their handling would include an estimated cost of the solution or proposed vendors for the various parts associated with the solution. Nor would one of ordinary skill in the art, reading the description in the Background of the Invention section, understand that the "updated technical manuals," or documentation provided for their handling, would contain this claimed information.


Thus, because the AAPA does not disclose, teach or suggest all of the limitations of independent claims 5 and 14, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of these claims be withdrawn, and that these claims be allowed. With respect to claims 6, 7, 9-13; and 15, which depend from independent claims 5 and 14, respectively, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of these claims be withdrawn for the same reasons as stated for claims 5 and 14, and that these claims be allowed.

2. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 5-7 and 9-15, in light of the above amendments and remarks, is respectfully requested.

3. A fee of \$790.00 is believed to be due for the filing of a Request for Continued Examination concurrent with this amendment. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge this fee, as well as any other required fees, to deposit account 04-1679.

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